GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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NEW POLICY REGARDING NPK/PHOSPHATIC MANUFACTURERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced a new policy with regard to NPK/Phosphatic fertilizer manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have noticed that because of new policy some of the NPK/ phosphatic fertilizer manufacturers are affected;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): No, Sir, As per the existing policy, concessions for various grades of NPK fertilizersare computed on the basis of rates of concession announced from time to time for DAP and MOP.Tariff Commission (TC) has submitted a report recommending computation of concession for NPK fertilizers based on their normative cost of production. The exact implication of proposed pricing policy for manufacturers producing different grades of complex fertilizers would be known after the Government introduces revised policy based on TC recommendations.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. References have been received from the Chief Minister and Minister forMajor Industries, Commerce and Export Promotion of Andhra Pradesh against the implementation of TC Report.

(g): The Government is in the process of announcing new pricing policy for various grades of complexes based on the cost price study of T.C. after considering various representations including the views received from fertilizer industry and of the various Departments/TC during inter- ministerial consultations.